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## Romulus Fire Ends in Three Fatalities

By Dorothy Nesler

An early-morning fire at 28785 Van Born Road—the residence of Dillard and Dimple Marie Choate of Romulus—resulted in three fatalities.

Romulus firefighters were called to the scene at 3:55 a.m. on Monday, January 17.

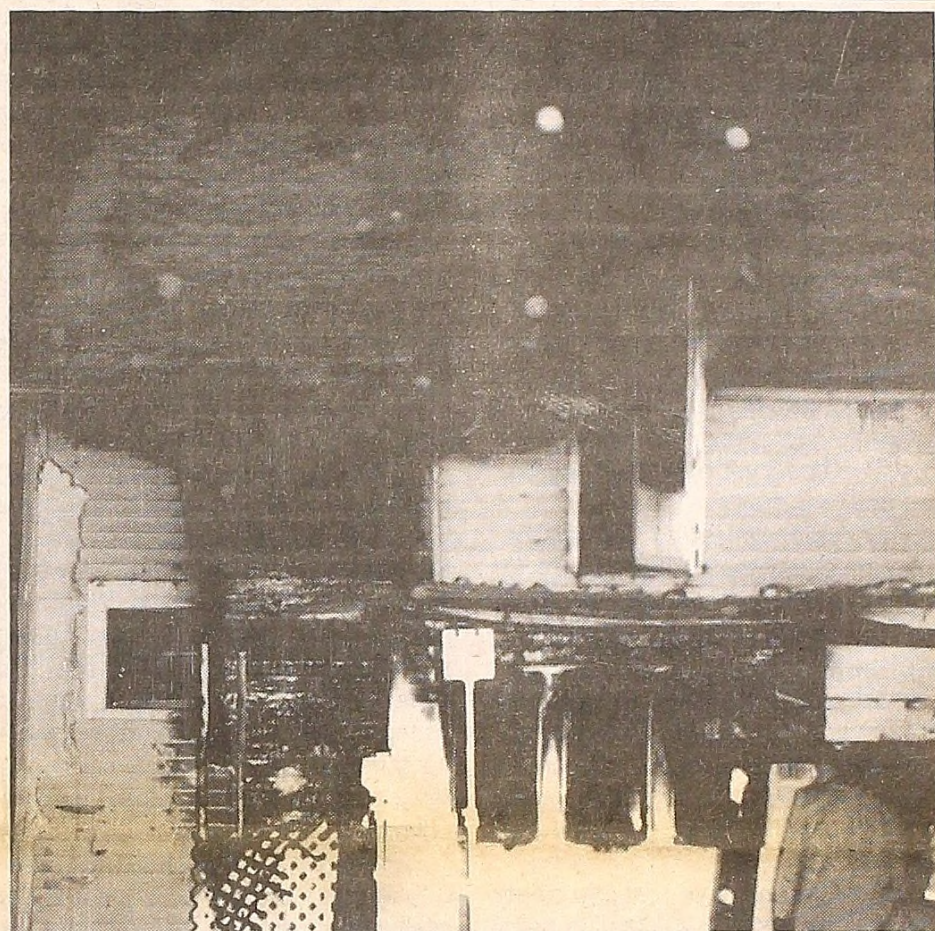
The fire victims were Vivian Ann Gallenburger, age 37; 11-year-old Robert Todd Choate; and seven-year-old Stepheny Christine Choate—all of Crosswell, Michigan.

The children and their aunt were visiting the children's grandparents at the time of the fire.

The bodies of the fire victims were found in the basement of the Choate home; a kerosene space heater was found at the top of the basement steps. It is believed that the space heater may have been the cause of the fire.

The homeowners, Mr. and Mrs. Choate, were treated at Annapolis hospital for smoke inhalation. Their son Matthew was treated for lacerations of the arm.

Chief William Greenslait of the Romulus Fire Department would like to remind everyone that it is not wise to use a space heater in the home when the occupants are sleeping. □



## Barth Student Council Sponsors Food Drive



The first community service project of the recently formed Barth Student Council was to collect canned and boxed food items to donate to the Helping Hand, a nonprofit agency in Romulus that provides assistance to Area families. All of Barth Elementary's classrooms participated. The students made colorful posters and flyers to put in the hallways and send home in order to let people know of their upcoming drive. Food was collected for a week, from December 6–10, 1993. Overall, students were able to collect more than 400 items, and one classroom—Mrs. Hall's third grade—collected 85 items, thereby winning a treat for the class. The food was delivered to the Helping Hand on December 14—just in time for the holidays! (Pictured, left to right—front: Danylle Malloy, Ryan Block, John Wanza, Dianna Oswald, John Penn, Sarah Tanner, Falencia Owensby, Angela Longo, and Crystal Lowe; back: Ms. Judy Jackson and Dwayne Harris.)

## Congressman William Ford Announces Plans to Retire

On Monday, January 25, US Congressman William D. Ford (D-Ypsilanti) announced his plans to retire at the end of the 103rd Congress.

The longtime Representative for the 13th District, which includes Romulus, issued a statement at that time; the text of part of that statement appears below.

"Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to be where I am at this time in the Nation's history. We have an exciting and challenging president whose agenda is dear to my heart—improving the quality of life and the personal security of all Americans.

"As chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, I will devote myself tirelessly to his goals. I want to spend the next year here as a full-time chairman and an agent of change for President Clinton, without the demands and distractions of an election campaign. After 40 years of elected public life, this year, my thirtieth in Congress, will be my last.

"My polls tell me that my district is a stronger Democratic district than it was two years ago, and that my chances of reelection are excellent. But time has snuck up on me. As I approach my sixty-seventh birthday, it is time for me to focus on my remaining years. I want to spend more time doing the things I enjoy and



concentrating on my family, whose sacrifices, because of my career, have been immense and often painful.

"I began my Congressional career with the presidency of Lyndon Johnson, and I am proud to have been here during the enactment of many ambitious Great Society programs. I will leave during the presidency of Bill Clinton, whose proposals renew the Johnson legacy. Truly, I have seen the pendulum swing." □



# The Lighter Slice

## Sick with the Soaps



By Tom Shamanski

Want a sure-fire, guaranteed way to beat the flu? Eat a lot more, and the extra fat cells will buffer you against the winter's scourge. . . .

Of course, I'm telling you this because my pudgy method didn't work for me this year. I got fat and sick at the same time — just a flabby mass of tissue that couldn't walk for two days.

Waking in the morning, I was able to work my way downstairs, but that approximately 30 seconds of brutal physical activity had me diving for the sofa, ready to finally sign my organ-donor card and pass out.

But, with a few days' rest and plenty of chocolate shakes, I was feeling near-human again, though still pajama-ed and house-bound. Still too weak for much activity, I thought I'd catch an afternoon movie like I did as a kid, feigning near-death to miss school and watch Bill Kennedy on Channel 9. (Do you remember those days? If so, best not admit it!)

Anyway, snuggling deeply into the sofa, I covered myself with an old, comfy afghan and, with gleeful anticipation, picked up the remote and started channel-flipping. I was searching for Annette and Frankie frolicking with beach balls and Hula-hoops on an inviting beach somewhere. (Sorry, folks, it's what I grew up with. . . . I can't help it!)

So, I was all set for the afternoon, right? Of course not. Within minutes, my sister Judy — coming home from errands and such — immediately grasped the situation and stopped short.

Instead of a "Hi," or perhaps an "Are you feeling better, dear brother?" I got clobbered with "Where are my soaps?"

Now, I knew what she was talking about; still, I wanted to say, "Have you tried looking in the laundry room?" Quickly, I discarded that notion, being in weakened condition and spotting smoke jetting from Judy's ears. Life is already too short.

Readjusting my pillows and anticipation, I watched soaps for a few hours. Now, perhaps you're thinking that I'm about to launch into a series of soapy put-downs, but, actually, I really enjoyed

what I saw. There was *The Young and the Restless*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, and part of one other whose name escapes me. This isn't meant as a put-down, of course, but it does occur to me that the soap producers could easily conjure up more realistic titles. I mean, they're living and breathing on the same planet we are, right? So, what's wrong with *The Crude and the Clumsy*, or even *The Smelly and the Slovenly*? I know that I'd sure fit in there, somewhere.

It had been years since I watched any soaps, and it seemed that most everything about them had improved: settings were more realistic, dialogue was more convincing, and — from where I sat — leading ladies were more beautiful. Then again, perhaps my eyes are simply getting older. Naw. . . .

One difficult thing, though, was trying to unravel each soap's personal relationships. For instance, who's married to/separated from/divorced from whom? And who's about to have What's-his-name's baby, and how is it they'll all end up cousins? And who the heck killed John's second wife's paternal uncle's youngest son, and why didn't he/she kill his third daughter, instead, since she's really mean and hateful and deserves it anyway?

Hoping that Judy would help me out with all this, I started asking some darn intelligent questions. At first, she was very patient, explaining this and that . . . until we reached a point where it became downright overwhelming, and *she* got confused. Tossing the remote in my direction, she got up, mumbled something about having a pain somewhere, and escaped to her room to watch her TV.

Me? I left the soaps behind and, finding an old Elvis movie, promptly fell asleep.

Looking back, it was a fun way to pass some time, and I recommend it highly. But, if you're a novice like I am, perhaps you should send away for the past 50 or so transcripts so that you can catch the Dreft, not buck the Tide. □

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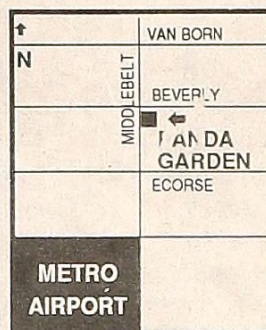
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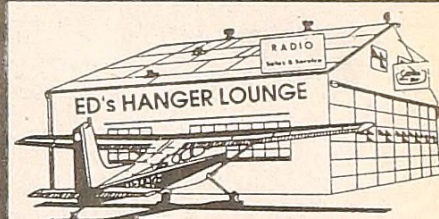
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# Letters to the Editor

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## Taxpayers Urged To Seek "Reality and Truth"

Attention taxpayers: Your city officials are throwing away your tax dollars needlessly.

Already, \$100,000 has been spent on legal fees to fight something that cannot be won. . . . Yes, I'm talking about the lawsuit against Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), concerning its right to operate a hazardous-waste injection well here in Romulus without the City's permission.

The reality – the truth – is this: EDS doesn't need the City's approval because State and Federal laws preempt the City's authority in such cases.

In 1990, when the City of Romulus was first approached about the well, City attorney Barry Seifman advised Mayor Beverly McAnally and the Romulus City Council that "the current status of state law appears to preempt any local regulation of all hazardous waste." In July 1992 (when Mayor McAnally sent a memo to the City Council, notifying its members that EDS planned to conduct a test drill at the well site sometime that month), Seifman again stated his opinion: "Basically, it is believed the State, through the DNR and the Federal Government, through the E.P.A. has preempted the area." This good advice was accepted and followed by all the City's elected and appointed officials for almost three years. It was only in October 1993, after several weeks of pressure from the small but vocal group known as RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People), that the City changed its tune and decided to seek an injunction against EDS.

Now, the City is going to court to fight for "home rule" – a good idea that is three years too late. Also too late were RECAP's petitions, which asked Romulus residents, "Do you want the well?" The time to ask that question of the reported 4,000 people who signed those petitions was three years ago, not three months after construction of the well was completed! (For the record, those 4,000 signatures – which represent less than one-fifth of the population of Romulus – were never filed at City Hall for verification. What good are they?)

Reality and truth: The well is already a fact of life because the MDNR (Michigan Department of Natural Resources) and the USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) said it was

OK. Construction of the well, at a cost of over \$2 million, took place between July 19, 1993 and August 20, 1993. Before that construction occurred (and, therefore, before \$2 million of EDS' money was invested) – on July 13, 1993 – your mayor; the head of the City's building department and his assistant; and several members of the City Council, the City Planning Commission, and the Romulus Board of Appeals were provided with detailed information on dates of construction and timetables for operation. Yet not one of these people who are now so concerned about the so-called hazards posed by the well bothered to say anything to the public at that time.

Today – January 20, 1994 – we are near going to court, but "reality is still the same." The City still doesn't have jurisdiction over the well. Our case of "proper zoning" for the well is very weak. Evidence in support of EDS' position has come from a wide variety of sources, including Dennis Oakes, the former Community Development Director for the City of Romulus. In a sworn affidavit, dated January 17, 1994, Oakes stated, "Mr. Seifman's opinion [that licensing and regulation of deep injection wells for hazardous waste disposal was preempted by state and local law] was known by various members of the City administration, and the administration acted on the basis thereof; that is, from the fall of 1990 through February, 1993, when I left the employ of the City of Romulus, the City acted on the assumption that it had no ability to approve of the well or its location, and that the use classifications of the zoning ordinance were not applicable."

And so, since the City's chances of winning this lawsuit are so ridiculously slim, my question is still: "Why are we spending \$100,000 (at least) to go to court?"

When this money is gone (which I think is very near), where do they get more money from? The answer, of course, is: from us, the taxpayers.

If we, the City, would stop this lawsuit and take EDS up on its generous offer of a five-percent royalty, we could have a very nice little "fund" to use for better roads, a better Fire Department and Police Department, better pay for City employees, even scholarships for our honor students . . . but EDS is not obligated to pay the City even one cent (outside of taxes), and that generous offer of five percent will be withdrawn if the company has to go to the expense of a lengthy lawsuit.

Truth: Your city officials have known what was happening with the well all along. If they had believed that they had a good case against EDS, they would have (and should have) brought it to court three years ago. Now is the time for them to swallow their pride, admit their mistake, call off the lawsuit (and save our

money), and let EDS complete their project; then we can collect taxes and royalties from EDS for the betterment of all the citizens of Romulus.

Dolores A. Witzgall

## Councilman Questions TRN's Objectivity . . .

Dear Ms. Atkins:

This letter is in response to your editorial in the December 16, 1993 issue of *The Romulus News*, indicating your support for the injection well. I respectfully request that this response be published in the next issue. I respect your right to publish your opinion and would stand up to anyone attempting to deny that right. But, let's get the facts correct!

First, I find it very difficult to accept your "genuine" concerns and "objectivity" in support of this project. Coincidentally, since your editorial support, there have been numerous full-page ads supporting the well. One ad was from the owner of the property that the well was constructed on, and the second was from Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), the company that constructed and proposes to operate the well. Is this impartial editorial journalism, or is it the best editorial journalism that money can buy?

I question what this hazardous-waste deep well will do to our city in 20, 30, or even 50 years. I question the close proximity to our residential neighborhoods and the means of transporting the hazardous waste by trucks and trains to the well site.

History has revealed that, over the past 100 years, many government approvals were later found to be unsafe for our citizens. In the 1880s, tobacco farmers and our government told us that it was safe to smoke. In later years, asbestos was safe to use in buildings. DDT was safe to spray on our children to control mosquitos. Agent Orange was safe to spray on our troops in Vietnam. The leaking hazardous well constructed in Vickery, Ohio, was safe, according to the government. The list is endless. We all know history has proven that these very government approvals over the past 100 years are now direct causes of cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. Will this cycle be continued in the City of Romulus?

Your editorial states, "we can't find a single instance where EDS has not followed the rigorous permitting process". That is totally incorrect! EDS's track record from the start of this project has been poor, and they have not been upfront with the citizens of Romulus. Here are just a few examples:

1) There was never a notice of the proposed public hearing published in the official Romulus newspaper.

2) The documents to be reviewed were located in the Dearborn Public Library, *not* the Romulus Public Library.

3) Mr. Al Rarick, while working for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), prior to retiring, issued the permits for EDS. Mr. Al Rarick now works as a consulting expert for EDS.

4) EDS did not appear in front of the Romulus Planning Commission prior to constructing the well, as required by City Ordinance.

And the list goes on.

I applaud the citizens and RECAP (Romulus Environmental Citizens Against Pollution) who oppose this well. They don't stand to make millions of dollars on this development like EDS. This small group only asks to live in their neighborhoods without fear, and with the hope that, in the future, the halting of the well will prevent the negative impact on their community.

We are all aware that this issue will be decided during 1994 in the Wayne County Circuit Court. I hope and pray that the City will prevail. For those citizens who question the legal cost, I can only say that I can't put a dollar value on the health and safety of the citizens of Romulus.

In closing, I say, in the event that this well is constructed, only history will tell us if this well is as safe as EDS claims. History will also tell us that this Councilman was *not* in favor of it!

Bill Wadsworth, Councilman  
City of Romulus

## . . . And the Editor Replies to That Question

Since the "Letters to the Editor" column is intended to provide our readers with an opportunity to express their opinions, letters usually appear without any comment from our staff, whether we agree with the writer's opinion or not.

In the case of Councilman Wadsworth's letter, however, we feel compelled to respond because it raises serious doubts about our ethics.

Councilman Wadsworth – who questions our "genuine" concerns about the well, asking if our editorial wasn't actually "the best editorial journalism that money can buy" – notes that paid, full-page advertisements in favor of the well have appeared in our newspaper. That is perfectly true. Those ads were purchased by companies or individuals who felt strongly enough about their beliefs to voice them publicly. It should be noted that members of RECAP and other individuals who are against the well have the same opportunity to buy space in this paper. The current rate for a full-page ad in *The Romulus News* is \$300 per issue. Admittedly, that is a large sum for an individual to pay out – but if the opponents of the well are as numerous as RECAP claims, no one would have to pitch in much money to buy equal space. Since RECAP is supposed to have at

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least 300 members, then that group, alone, could have a full-page ad for just one dollar per member. And if the 4,000 people who signed RECAP's petitions are still adamantly against the well, they can pool their resources and purchase a full page for just 7.5 cents each. That's not too expensive for people who "can't put a dollar value on the health and safety of the citizens of Romulus," is it? We find it ironic that people who won't spend even a dollar of their own money to fight EDS expect *every taxpayer in Romulus* to foot the bill for their eleven-th-hour concerns. Councilman Wadsworth, in particular, has promoted his political campaigns by purchasing space in this paper more than once; it's a pity that his concerns about the well were never, in the three years before construction of the well was begun, important enough to merit similar expenditures.

Believe it or not, though, we at "the little paper" don't put a dollar value on our neighbors' health and safety, either - and that's why the members of RECAP and other well opponents have been invited, again and again, to make use of free space in this paper - just as any other concerned citizen (including the folks at EDS) has the opportunity to do. It is precisely because we want to give *everyone* a chance to be heard, regardless of their economic means, that we donate space to columns such as "Local Commentary." Unfortunately, some well opponents have not chosen to make use of this space to the same extent that EDS has - but their various excuses ("We're working people with families; we don't have time to do research and write letters" or "We're not professional writers") ring a little hollow. Surely, if stopping this well's operation is as vital to the health of their children as they say it is, they could find an hour or two to devote to educating the public.

If we at *The Romulus News* were so bent on "sucking up" to EDS for their advertising dollars, we would never have bothered to work so hard at presenting both sides of the story in our "regular" articles. From the very first (see our August 13, 1993 issue, in which many of then-Councilman Russell Lambert's concerns were aired), we have attempted to be fair in our reporting. Surely, if we were "bought and paid for," we would have swept the whole thing under the rug, thereby making it easier for EDS to begin operating in Romulus without any of the uproar that has since hindered their work.

*The Romulus News* offers space to everyone because it fervently believes in the right to free speech. It is only through the free exchange of information that people can form intelligent opinions and thrash out their differences to reach an optimal conclusion. Not many of us are so smart that we have nothing to learn (a fact that the City might want to consider when denying agenda space to anyone who has some new information to impart at a public meeting). To even once refuse advertising space to a responsible person, organization, or business would set

a dangerous precedent: one which might, for example, tempt us to sell advertising (or donate "profile" space) only to those political candidates whom we support in an election.

One last point before we leave this issue of "impartial editorial journalism": We were interested to read Councilman Wadsworth's letter to the editor of *The Romulus Roman*, in which he expressed similar concerns about the "objectivity" of their editorial. If he honestly even *suspects* that the *Roman's* influential opinion could be bought by an advertiser, how can he justify his recent vote reaffirming the *Roman's* position as the official newspaper of our city? Rather than suspect not one, but *two* local publications of less-than-ethical journalistic practices, why not concede the much-more-likely event that both papers arrived at their opinions honestly, based on the overwhelming preponderance of scientific evidence and common sense?

Finally, Councilman Wadsworth says that he's concerned about the effect that this well will have on our community in the years to come. All we can say is that we've lived in this city for 20 years, and plan to remain here for at least another 20; in fact, four generations of our family currently reside within a few miles of the EDS well. We would have to be short-sighted, indeed, to let a profit of a few hundred dollars supersede our concern for the future of our children and our grandchildren.

No, the simple truth is this: Right now, before even one drop of waste is injected into the EDS well, our city is faced with numerous contaminated sites within its bounds, and much of this contamination stems from companies illegally dumping their toxic wastes because no affordable alternative is available to them. And right now, before even one truck or railroad car travels to EDS to dispose of liquid waste, those same toxins are traveling Romulus roads and rails *anyway*; the fact that EDS is not their destination doesn't make them any less likely to have an accident within our city limits.

Face it, people: Americans aren't going to give up the convenient, high-tech life-style that generates these wastes; in our town, alone, there are more than 80 sites that generate some form of hazardous material that requires special disposal, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. While *no one* - not even "Uncle Sam" - can promise us that no mishap will ever occur, all *anyone* can do is make the best decision possible by applying the most reliable information available to *reality*. A refusal to face facts will not make our waste problems go away.

As our city's most astute politician once said, "I'd rather be involved in the solution than be part of the problem."

Keeping the EDS well out of Romulus will not make for a healthier environment; rather, it will merely propagate the "see-no-evil" status quo of illegal disposal that has already turned our community into a *real* toxic dump. □



# Romulus Profile: Debbie Hoffman

By Tom Shamanski

Debbie Hoffman is one very busy lady these days. Currently, the 37-year-old Romulus native splits her time among raising two young children, serving as assistant finance director for the City of Romulus, and sitting on the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education. Hoffman is now in the second year of her four-year term as a Board member.

In a recent interview, when she was asked why she chose to run for election to the Board of Education, the friendly and soft-spoken Hoffman replied, "First of all, my daughter was doing very well in school — getting straight 'A's' — but was scoring low on standardized assessment tests. I was concerned about that. I also felt that my financial background could be of benefit to the Board. Finally, I ran because I thought that I could help bring the City and the Schools to a point where they could work together.

"It's all been an unbelievable challenge," she added, "and I find that I'm still learning."

Hoffman said that she's proud to have been part of the District's progress in the past two years, especially in the area of improving the students' Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores.

"We've put a lot of effort into bettering our MEAP scores," she stated, "and the scores have, indeed, improved. I feel that this has come about, in part, because of the new technology currently being used in our schools."

Hoffman went on to explain recent changes in education that have made good MEAP scores so essential: For instance, if a student cannot pass the tenth-grade MEAP test by the time he/she graduates, that student will not receive a diploma that is endorsed by the State of Michigan.

As a member of the Board's personnel and finance committees, Hoffman is critical of Governor John Engler's school finance program: "I'm positive that he doesn't even know what the ramifications of his financial program will be. In fact, I think that it will be at least one year before *anyone* will really know what's happening."

Because of Engler's approach to financing education, Hoffman feels that Romulus Schools must take a hard look at becoming as cost-efficient as possible.

"The trend will likely go back to having all schools supported by State aid. This will be difficult for us, as we are now an 'out-of-formula' district. In the past, when we were 'in-formula,' the State would often withhold, or defer, payments. If this happens to us again, it will be very hard to maintain the level of integrity that our system now enjoys."

Hoffman then noted that all the District's building improvements should be completed this year and, when that

occurs, it will be easier to determine exactly what the District's situation is.

"Throughout the construction," she explained, "it was a very turbulent time for all the students. When all the work is completed, we'll have only one way to go — and that's up. We must be ready to make use of what we already have in place to our best advantage."

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After graduating from Romulus High School, Hoffman hired in as a billing clerk for the City and, at the same time, began attending night school at Wayne County Community College (WCCC).

Hoffman's first eight years with the City of Romulus were spent working in the City employees' union; however, 1982 found her transferring to City Hall's accounting department as an assistant city accountant.

"I found that I enjoyed the job," she said, "and I've been in the finance department ever since. Now, as assistant finance director, I'm basically responsible for preparing the budget. Even now, we're in that process, and I'm continually working with all the department heads."

Being assistant finance director also finds Hoffman maintaining records of all City funds, as well as being responsible for payroll, purchasing, and the water-billing process.

Hoffman then told of a recent award that her section received from the Government Finance Officer's Association.

"The award was the 'Distinguished Budget Presentation Award,' the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. This was the first time we submitted our budget document, and we won on our first time out. That, in itself, is unusual, and we're all quite proud of it."

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During her years with the City, Hoffman has continued to pursue an education in finance. At present, she is a student at WCCC; ultimately, she wishes to earn a bachelor's degree in accounting.

"When I finish at Wayne County," she said, "I want to go to Walsh College's Novi campus for my degree. The main problem I have is that, because I'm doing so many other things, I can only take about one class per semester.

"At Walsh," she added, "they have a program which offers weekend classes. I'm thinking of trying that."

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When asked to speak about her department's staff, Hoffman replied, "I supervise nine people, and they're all excellent. Personally, I think we have the best staff at City Hall. They're all hard-working, efficient, and good at interacting with the public."

Hoffman was especially proud of her staff's ability to meet the many deadlines faced by the department during each fiscal year.

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Currently, Hoffman is a member of the Government Finance Officer's Association and the Michigan Municipal Finance Officer's Association, and has recently been appointed to the Salvation Army's advisory board. As a member of the Romulus Board of Education, she also holds a membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards.

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When queried as to what career she might have chosen other than finance, Hoffman answered, "I was thinking about teaching history or going into medicine. When I was 15, I worked for two years as a volunteer at Allen Park's Veteran's Hospital. It was a rewarding experience, and I really learned the 'ins and outs' of working in a hospital. Before that, I thought medicine was great — but when I experienced the realism of it all, I re-thought the whole thing.

"Instead," she concluded, "I found my niche in accounting and went from there — and I'm glad I did!"

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Hoffman and husband Mike, 37, were "high-school sweethearts," and have been married for 15 years. Presently, Mike works for Romulus' Baxter Health Care.

Eleven-year-old Jennifer is the oldest of the couple's two children. A sixth-grader at Merriman Elementary School, Jennifer enjoys gymnastics and dance. The youngster is on a gymnastic team

through the City of Carleton's performing arts program and, three times each week, Hoffman and her daughter travel to Carleton where Jennifer practices with the team. Of dance, Hoffman said that Jennifer's favorite style is jazz, although she also takes ballet.

Jeffrey is a seven-year-old second-grader at Merriman. He likes T-ball and swimming, said his mom, although his current passion is dinosaurs.

In her leisure time, Hoffman attends the Canton Community Church, where she works in the nursery with young children. Additionally, she swims, plays tennis, and enjoys touring historic houses. To date, she has toured houses in several surrounding communities, as well as participated in a tour of Detroit's old churches.

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As the interview wound down, Hoffman explained why she likes her finance post with the City: "I enjoy finance because everything you do somehow involves money, and that gives me a chance to work with all the departments within the City. Also, it's very challenging, and I enjoy that."

Challenges seem to be an important priority on Hoffman's agenda. She meets them in raising her family, as a member of the Romulus Board of Education, and in her City government post. The sincerity and dedication she brings to facing, and overcoming, these challenges is an inspiration to those around her. □



# Local Commentary

## Resident Says Petition Signatures Reflect "Voice of the People"

(Editor's note: The purpose of the "Local Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible spokespersons are invited to make use of this column at any time. Views expressed in "Local Commentary" are not necessarily those of "the little paper.")

Let's talk about the potential injection well for disposal of hazardous wastes in Romulus, shall we? No, I do not have a fancy title, nor do I hold a political position, nor do I work for a newspaper, nor am I representing any particular organization, but I will share with you "the voice of the people."

Whatever happened to democracy? Since when can an organization, group, or company come into a city and do anything they please, regardless of "the voice of the people"? Here is a truth. To date, over 4,000 Romulus residents have said that they "do not want an injection well in Romulus." The petitions they signed speak clearly for them. This should be the end of the issue.

Instead, we see the Environmental Disposal Systems using all its power, monies, and influence to utilize the newspapers and cable TV, send promotional flyers through the mail, etc., in an endless attempt to sway "the voice of the people." It will not happen. At least 4,000 Romulus residents have stated that they are not only "hesitant residents," but also "those who oppose" having an injection well in this city.

EDS should realize that all its advertising does not change the truth. "The voice of the people" says "NO." These people are not fanatical, rabble rousers, or witless fools. These Romulus residents are the people who live in this city, work in this city, pay taxes in this city, and support this city in every way. They are moms and dads, grandparents, families, workers, churchgoers, teachers, law enforcers, students, nurses, counselors, businessmen and business-owners, retirees and senior citizens, friends and neighbors — all of whom are a vital part of this city. Do not dismiss "the voice of the people."

Even if local newspapers support an injection well for Romulus, this is merely the voice of one or two individuals asserting their own opinion, and does not necessarily represent thousands of Romulus residents. Even if certain persons sitting on the City Council support a well for Romulus, again we see the voice of only a few people, as opposed to 4,000 Romulus residents who clearly state that they oppose this injection well. It doesn't matter if EDS convinces the most influential man in town to promote its injection well; "the voice of the people" says "NO!" and this is a democracy. This

city belongs to the people, not just a few citizens who may have more influence over public opinion than others. Remember this.

There are other means and ways for the City of Romulus to make monies without jeopardizing the health and safety of its citizens by having an injection well here. Some are using scare tactics to get the City of Romulus to stop fighting the well. Let it be known that the residents of Romulus did not come to the decision to oppose the well because of simple emotion. This decision was arrived at after careful deliberation and because individuals used something called "foresight," not fear. You see, while hindsight may be 20/20, this is also a very dangerous way to obtain proof of what potential damages can be incurred should an accident occur regarding this injection well. No amount of monies or apologies can possibly atone for deformed babies, deaths, or habitual illness resulting from toxic substances entering our drinking supply. Nor should Romulus residents have to be concerned about property values dropping or even defending themselves against having a hazardous injection well when they have clearly stated that they do not want it. How many times must it be said?

Where was EDS in the late '70s or early '80s, when an earth tremor ripped through our subdivision in the winter? For anyone wishing to dispute this, my neighbors recall this incident also. For any wishing to attribute this incident to something else, think again. It happened. It could happen again. There are no guarantees that the well wouldn't crack. Nor are there guarantees that trucks carrying toxic or hazardous wastes wouldn't have accidents. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, even if visions of dollar signs are dancing through some people's heads.

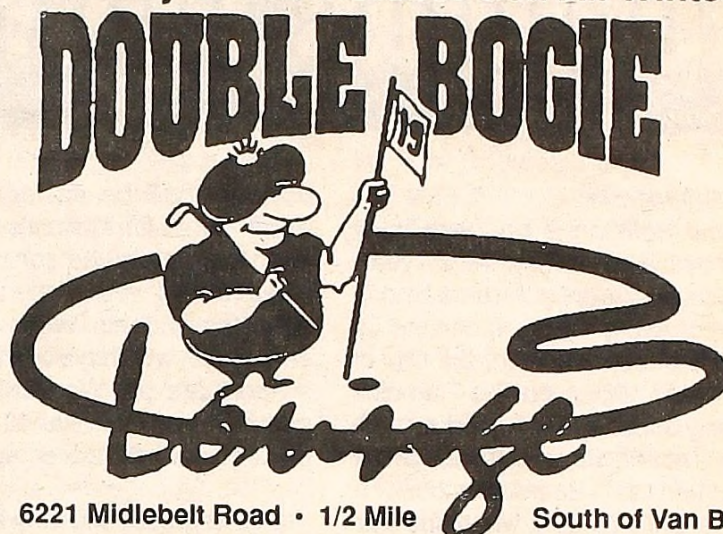
EDS is presenting a honey-coated project to the people, but, remember: even the most ignorant beekeeper who retrieves the honey realizes that he must be careful because "bees sting." EDS is downplaying the "sting factor," the possibility of human error. If there were no such thing, insurance companies would be out of business, wouldn't they?

EDS, stop putting off the legitimate concerns of Romulus residents as inconsequential, boundless fears. Stop with the patronizing, condescending attitude toward "those who oppose" the well. Romulus may be the "gateway to the world," but this does not entitle the world to dump on us or in us.

"The voice of the people" has spoken loudly and clearly. "The voice of the people" says "No, thank you, EDS. Thank you for the offer, but we don't want an injection well in our fair city. We think far

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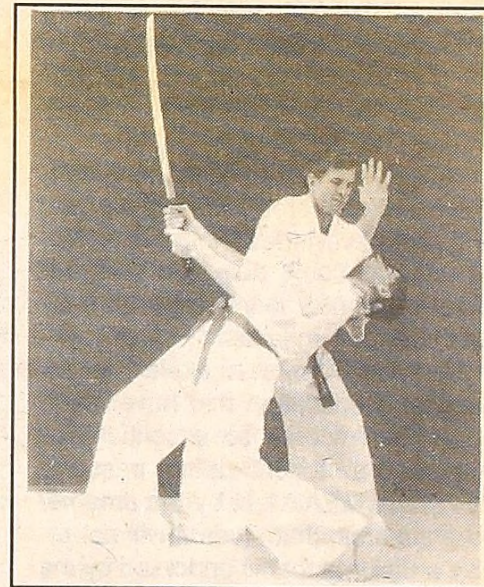
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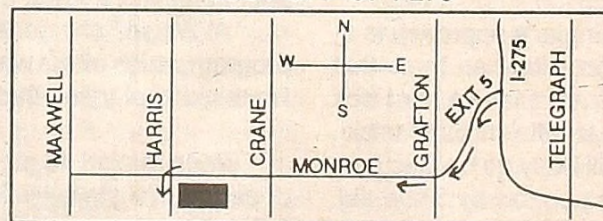


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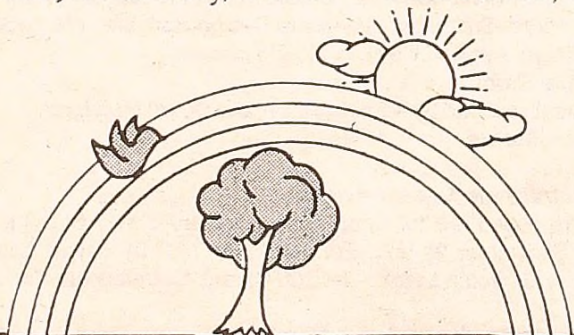
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## This "Sister Act" Vows To Make a Habit of Serving Good Food

By Ray Tolman

As the newest addition to Romulus' growing restaurant scene, Sister Act Deli and Catering — located at 36726 Goddard between Romulus Video and Romulus Tanning — is sure to become a habit with the Downtown crowd.

In a recent interview, Romulus natives Tracy Romak and Toby Parker — the sister/owners of Sister Act — described how the inspiration for their new enterprise came about.

"Last spring," said Romak, "Toby and I were heading for a vacation in Florida when, for some reason, we started talking about opening our own restaurant. By the time we got to Bonita Springs, we had almost everything planned out, including the menu, the size of the building, and the colors we wanted to use."

Although the idea for their business was conceived on a whim during a 20-hour automobile trip, Romak and Parker certainly have their feet planted on firm ground when it comes to experience in the restaurant field. Between them, the sisters have worked in the food-service industry for a total of 25 years.

Said Parker, "For the past seven years, I've waitressed in various local restaurants, the latest being the Wheat & Rye in Romulus. During those years, I also picked up some management experience, and I now do all the book-work for Sister Act."

Romak's last job before opening Sister Act was at an upscale Ritz-Carlton restaurant located in Naples, Florida. It was through this experience — which, she said, lasted for more than seven years — that she gained most of her managerial know-how. Still earlier, she had worked for several years at a number of formal restaurants and country clubs.

Parker and Romak have worked hard to give Sister Act's 1,200 square feet and 30-patron capacity a "homey, friendly" atmosphere. In this, they have succeeded. The decor's primary elements of natural wood and a green-and-pink color scheme produce an unmistakably "light" and "airy" setting. A four-seat counter runs parallel to the side walls, and tables — topped by live plants and unique salt and pepper shakers — rest on green-and-white checkerboard tile. The family photographs which dot the walls give the finishing touch to the room's ambience.

Romak, who described Sister Act as a "deli-style restaurant featuring fresh, homemade food," was asked to describe its everyday fare.

"Each day," she said, "we bake fresh cinnamon rolls, muffins, brownies, cookies, and sourdough rye bread. Also, we do soups from scratch, along with three specialty salads and homemade chicken and tuna salad on croissants."

Sister Parker noted the restaurant's daily "specials." These would include, she said, a "hot" meal specially priced at \$4.25, as well as a special dessert such

as cheesecake, pie, cake, or pudding. Another of the daily bargains is "one-half deli and soup" for just \$3.95.

Parker then stated that, beginning next spring, Sister Act will begin to carry up to eight flavors of ice cream. This, she continued, will strengthen their current dessert specials and will also lead to separate ice-cream specials.

When queried as to why they opened Sister Act in Romulus, Parker replied, "Romulus doesn't have what we have to offer. Our restaurant is the type that we, ourselves, would look for, and we feel that others will, too. We wanted to make our kind of restaurant available to the people of Romulus."

Romak added that another reason for choosing a Romulus site was that they both grew up here, and can see a good deal of business potential in downtown Romulus. She and Parker want to contribute to all the positive things that are now occurring in that section of Town.

"Our families and friends help us out when needed," said Parker, when asked whom the sisters call upon for assistance. "We're especially thankful for all the help we've received from them because, without it, none of this would have been possible."

When asked why she enjoys running her own restaurant, Romak replied, "I enjoy it because, after working for several other restaurant owners, I finally felt ready for my own business. Also, I enjoy working with my sister, especially in our own hometown."

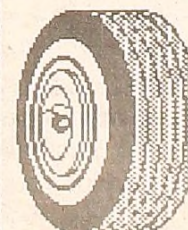
Parker experiences this same enjoyment because, as she put it, "I'm now at the responsibility-end of pleasing customers. I like to have control over things — such as good food, service, atmosphere, and everything else that goes with running a restaurant — and so insure that the customers are satisfied."

Sister Act Deli and Catering is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, call Sister Act at 955-DELI (955-3354). □

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### SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 21, 1993

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Tuesday, December 21, 1993, was called to order by President Kesner at 7:02 P.M.

Roll call showed Members Wilkerson, Berlinn and King absent (all excused). Administrator LeCesne was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

#### Approval of Agenda:

12/93/13 Moved by Hoffman supported by Patterson the Agenda be approved as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Public Hearing:

Administrator Carr answered questions from the audience.

#### Adoption of Resolution to Levy Summer Taxes:

12/93/14 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman the Board adopt a resolution to impose a summer property tax levy which would all be collected in the summer. (In the past, only one-half of said tax was collected during the summer.) Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Adjournment:

12/93/15 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra F. Langley, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## Recreation News

Many thanks to Gayle Mach, Romulus Recreation Department staff member, and Rick Doane, program coordinator, for contributing information to this issue's "Recreation News" column. For more information about these or other Recreation Department programs, please call 942-6852.

#### Mother/Son Valentine Dance

The Recreation Department's annual Mother/Son Valentine Dance has been set for Thursday, February 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Wick Elementary School gymnasium.

The cost of \$7 per couple (and \$2 for each additional son) covers a flower for mom, refreshments, music and dancing, and one polaroid picture of mom and son(s). Additional pictures may be purchased at the dance for \$2 each.

Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Building (36515 Bibbins) no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, February 7. No late sales will be accepted; no tickets will be available at the door.

#### Detroit Piston Basketball

The Romulus Recreation Department is inviting Romulus High School students to watch hometown heroes and Romulus alumni Terry Mills and Grant Long square off against one another when the Miami Heat meet the Detroit Pistons at the Palace on Saturday, February 26.

This special event is available to the first 35 Romulus High School students who preregister at the Recreation Building. Registration will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, on a first-come, first-served basis.

The cost is only \$10 per student, and includes a supervised bus ride to and from the game. Students will also have the opportunity to see the Michigan connection with stars such as Glen Rice, Steve Smith, Willie Burton, and John "Spider" Salley.

The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 5:45 p.m. (students should arrive at 5:30 p.m.) and return at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Register at the Recreation Building Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

#### Adults Learn To Paint with Oils

The Recreation Department is offering two-session oil-painting classes for adults on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning February 2.

The \$20 cost for each class, which will be taught by Joel Newton, a well-known Downriver artist, covers all supplies needed to complete a painting (except for the frame). Class size is limited to six; advance registration and payment is required.

#### Walking for Fun and Fitness

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## LOCAL COMMENTARY

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too much of all the people here to let a few self-motivated individuals attempt to dictate to all. This is still a democracy."

EDS, while I understand completely your "well-intended" motives, and your "well-intended" desire to make Romulus wealthy, and your "well-intended" desire to create jobs for our citizens, might I respectfully suggest that your injection well would be more appropriately located in the middle of the Utah Salt Flats or the Arizona desert where there are no residents to hinder or endanger. Rather than waste your monies on continual, pointless advertising, spend it in building roads in that same desert where the well should be. I cannot say that I am a "well-

wisher" for your endeavors, EDS, but I do understand your dilemma. I don't object to your having an injection well, EDS, only to your having it in the city of Romulus.

"The voice of the people" unequivocally states its opposition to an injection well for hazardous and toxic wastes in Romulus. Let this voice be listened to, adhered to, respected, and accepted, if you will.

I hope that this letter gets printed. Thank you for allowing me to air my viewpoint and "the voice of the people." I do so wish that I had the monies or influence to take out a full-page ad for "the voice of the people," too. Oh "well." Sonda Stepchuk □

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

### REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 10, 1994

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, January 10, 1994, was called to order by President Kesner at 7:35 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Berlinn absent (excused). Administrator Carr was absent (excused).

(Member Berlinn arrived at 7:55 P.M.)

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

#### Approval of Agenda:

1/94/1 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Hoffman the Agenda be approved as submitted by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

1/94/2 Moved by Hoffman supported by Patterson the Board approve the Minutes of December 13, 1993. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Various items were discussed such as TIFAdate, news article on Voc. Ed. Real Life 101, subbing for Detention Rm., dress codes, Sex Ed. & AIDS, etc.

Member Langley informed Board of call from Mr. and Mrs. Lindquist regarding their son.

#### Report of the Superintendent:

##### Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

A. **Leave of Absence - Rescind:** Lisa Kosikowski, Para. - Wick, Eff. 10/18/93 - 8/31/94.

B. **Resignation:** Lisa Kosikowski, Para. - Wick, Eff. 10/18/93.

Motion withdrawn and referred to Personnel Committee.

#### Bills for Payment

1/94/3 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson the Board approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Administrator Carr's office. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Barton Malow Change Orders

1/94/4 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn the Board issue the following Change Orders: Acoustic Ceiling, Alpha Electric, Amalio Corp., Monte Costella & Co., Empire Tile & Marble, Floor Craft Floor Covering, Great Lakes Mechanical, Lyon Metal Products, Ontario Cabinets, J.L. Peters Co., Peterson Glass Co., Prudential Paint & Cleaning, Russell Hardware Co., Stafford-Smith, Inc., Vanguard Design Sprinkler, Westwood Carpentry Co., and York International. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Report on Finance Reform

This item was discussed by Administration and Board Members.

#### Report on League Status

No action.

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) TIFA Hearing Date - Schwarze; 2) Voc. Ed. Real Life 101; 3) Bayes' Letter; 4) Dr. King's Celebration Memo; 5) Dolan Letter - NJROTC; and 6) Caledonia Schools' Thank You - McPharlin.

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member King - Inquired as to whereabouts of Sr. High typewriters.

Member Langley - Are old computers being used?

Wayne County Budget Representative - Berlinn; Alternate #1 - Langley; Alternate #2 - Kesner.

#### Executive Session - Negotiations & Contracts

1/94/5 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations & Contracts. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:10 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:27 P.M.

#### Adjournment:

1/94/6 Moved by Hoffman supported by Berlinn the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 P.M.

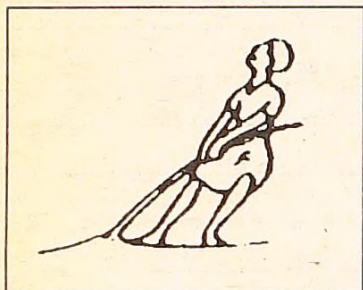
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## Community Calendar

- **Chamber's 14th Annual Awards Banquet** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 14th Annual Awards Banquet, honoring "Person of the Year" recipient Florence Klein for her outstanding volunteer service to the Romulus community, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 25, at the Clarion Inn (Romulus). Donation is \$30 per person, payable to the Romulus Chamber (located at 31200 Industrial Highway) by March 11. For further information please call the Chamber (326-4290).
- **HCT Presents "Words and Music"** – The Huron Civic Theatre will present a revue of story, song, and dance – entitled "Words and Music" – at the Huron Civic Auditorium (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 29, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 30. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$3 for students/senior citizens. For more information, call 782-5380.
- **Conference Focuses on Women's Cancer** – "It's Your Life – Learning About Women's Cancer" is the subject of the Oakwood Health Services fourth annual Turning Points Conference, to be held on Saturday, February 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dearborn Inn. Topics discussed will include breast cancer, reproductive cancers, making decisions, and living with cancer. Cost of the program is \$20, and includes an information packet, continental breakfast, lunch, and two workshops. For registration information, call 593-7401. Attendance will be limited; please register early.
- **Ask a Nurse** – Oakwood Home Care Services' free "Ask a Nurse" information program for adults 55 and older will be held Thursday, January 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Annapolis Medical Office Building (33000 Annapolis Avenue, Suite #020, in Wayne). The program gives older adults a chance to ask questions about general health, medications, and insurances/finances. To register, call 295-4663.
- **Senior-citizen Walking Club** – If you're a senior citizen (age 50 and over) who would like to begin a regular walking program, now is the time to start! The Romulus Senior Center's van takes interested seniors to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus every Wednesday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for a session of indoor walking at your own pace. As an added incentive, walkers who complete 25 miles will be treated to a free lunch! There's no sign-up; just show up – ready to walk! For more information, call Barbara Schultz at the Center (942-6852).
- **Senior-citizen Valentine Tour** – Romulus senior citizens are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun and surprises when they join old and new friends for a special Valentine's Day tour on Monday, February 14. Included in the trip's \$34 cost is round-trip motorcoach transportation, lunch at the Pinckney Inn, and a "tour and taste" at Leah Gold Chocolate Factory in Brighton. For information, call Marilyn or Barbara at the Romulus Senior Center (942-6852).
- **Volunteers Needed for Youth Assistance Program** – The Romulus Youth Assistance Program, a community-based project which is funded by the City of Romulus, is seeking volunteers to work with youths and children. Free training is available. You can make a difference by volunteering. For more information, call Jennifer Cecelon at the Romulus Help Center: 942-7585.
- **ADHD Parent Support Group** – A free-of-charge Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder parent support group will begin monthly meetings at Bentley Center (15100 Hubbard, Livonia) on Tuesday, February 1, from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. Parents and facilitator will talk about signs and symptoms, how to respond to out-of-control behaviors, discipline, sibling rivalry, and much more! For more information, call 313-513-7598.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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## Hapkido Teaches Martial-arts Students More Than Self-defense



Master Marshal Gagne presents \$178 donation to Salvation Army.

Hapkido – a unique, sophisticated, rarely seen self-defense art – is currently being taught at the Carleton Performing Arts Center (12610 Harris Street) by Master Marshal P. Gagne.

Hapkido, a Korean martial art meaning "coordinated power way," is routinely taught to military special forces and the President's bodyguards. Students learn a variety of self-defense techniques that incorporate strikes, kicks, twists, throws, and pinning maneuvers. Hapkido uses an opponent's strength against him, and also teaches students about leverage. The art incorporates a lot of spinning techniques, making it an excellent choice for women, children, and older people, as well as athletic individuals.

But self-defense is only part of what hapkido has to offer. When you come to Master Gagne's do-jung (gymnasium), do not expect to learn only fighting techniques; students are taught to achieve serenity through self-confidence and living the martial way. Also encouraged is community involvement. During student promotional testing, held at Carleton's Performing Arts Center on December 18, 1993, the hapkido school raised \$178 for the Salvation Army's Toys for Tots campaign. In past demonstrations, held at the Frenchtown Square Mall, the school raised over \$200 for Monroe We Care.

Courtesy and strict adherence to discipline and rules are a must in the do-jung. This is not only to promote good manners, but is necessary for safety, especially when working with a partner.

Master Gagne states, "The neatest thing about hapkido is that you can learn how to defend yourself without getting hurt. You also can control the amount of damage to your opponent. Students are taught to use hapkido only in defense!"

School-age children, especially, can benefit from the study of this martial art. Black-belt instructors are also positive role models who discourage smoking, drinking, and taking drugs. They encourage students to listen to their parents and achieve good grades in school.

Women students find hapkido rewarding not only for self-defense, which is taught to female students from the first day of class, but as an aerobic workout and to aid in weight control. Master Gagne feels that hapkido is unique because it's not as regimented as other forms of martial arts, and students are taught by both their abilities and their limitations.

Gagne, who began his martial-arts training while serving as a US Army paratrooper in Korea in 1969, has been teaching in the local area for 24 years.

To learn more about hapkido, call Arts of Defense Hapkido (313-654-3960). They will tailor a course to meet your schedule and your budget. □



Master Gagne demonstrates the arts of defense (hapkido).

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# Wedding Bells

## Jackie P. Richardson/Sarah A. Harrison

Barbara Harrison of Romulus, Michigan, is proud to announce the upcoming marriage of her daughter, Sarah A. Harrison, to Jackie P. Richardson, the son of Lavone and Joyce Spears of Sparta, Tennessee.

The ceremony — which will take place at St. John Church in Westland, Michigan — will be held on Saturday, February 5, 1994. Standing up with Jackie will be

Mark Harrison, Tim Collins, Dan McRandall, and Glen Carr; Sarah's bridesmaids will be Maggie McRandall, Teresa Collins, Kim Carr, Angela Katcher, Dawn Sparagowski, Yvonne Deverich, and Buffie Armbruster (junior bridesmaid).

A reception at the Westland VFW will follow.

The couple plan to reside in Walling, Tennessee, following the wedding. □



# Obituaries

## Ernest U. Davis

Ernest U. Davis of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, January 18, 1994. He was 93 years old.

The former General Motors union representative (UAW) and Democratic Club member was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on August 18, 1900.

Ernest, who was predeceased by his wife, Lucille G., is survived by a step-

grandson, Martin Pritello (California).

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 22, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Evelyn Hopewell (Parks Memorial AME Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to Mother Waddles Kitchen.

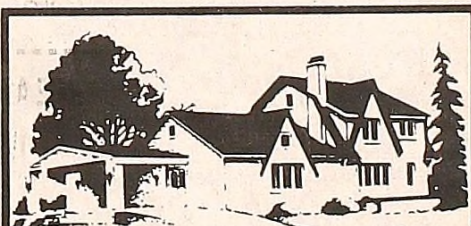
## Blanche Marie Perrego

Blanche Marie Perrego of Sumpter, Michigan, died on Thursday, January 13, 1994, at the age of 87.

A homemaker, Blanche was born in Faustwell, Pennsylvania, on November 21, 1906.

She is survived by three sons, Richard E. Huff (Detroit, MI), Louis D. Huff, and Walter E. Huff (Belleville, MI); two daughters, Mrs. John (Ruth) Sommers (Utica, MI) and Mrs. John (Shirley) Hegdus (Warren, MI); and 20 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 17, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Richard Brennan (Belleville Church of God) officiating. Interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery (Detroit, MI). □



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